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Memorandom of Expences attending
Coming from the french fleet Viz.

Gave a Boat to Carry us on
Shore 1.4

To Cash p.d for Supper & Lodging . . 1.-

To so much paid for horse hire
Going from Karaganuil
to Providence say Batuaret } 1.11

To Cash paid for Dinner &
Club and Breakfast . . . 1.1.

24th To Cash paid for 1 bowl of
Grog 6.-

paid for washing one
Shirt pair of Stockings han-
-kerchey and Stock } 5.-

paid for 3 Nights Lodging 6.
carried forward 4.16

25th Brot. forward 4:16
paid my Traveling Expences from
patuxet to Capt. Catons in the
Bounds of Connecticut 30 miles 1:1:1
26 paid for Shoeing my Horse . . . 18
paid at Catons Tavern for my
Horse and Self 9:6

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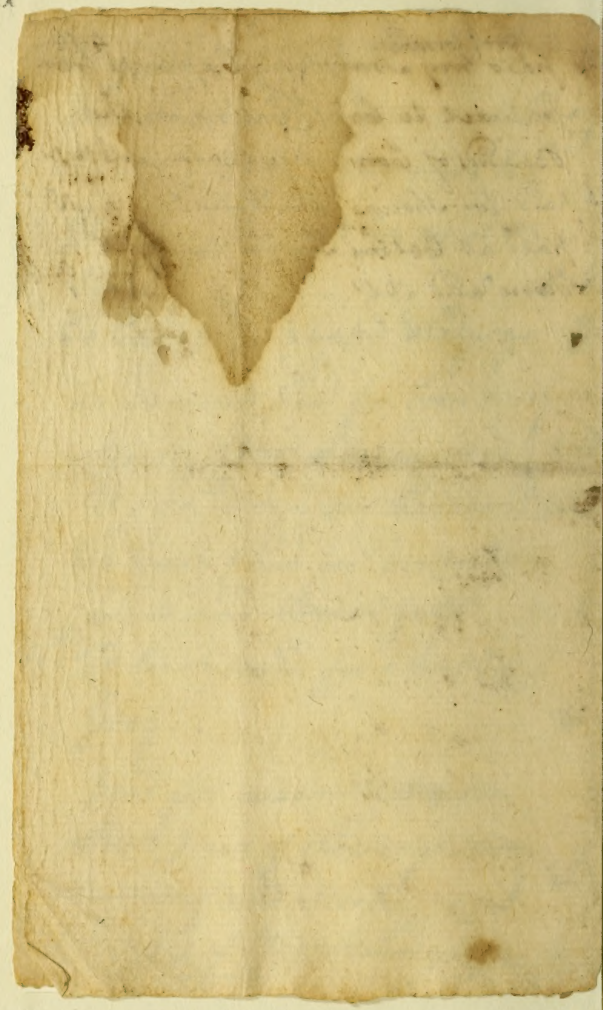

Memorandom of Sundry Trans-
actions from my Leaving Rhinebeck in
the State of New york tell my Arrival
on board the Victor of 74 Guns com
manded by Capt: Mowat Viz
on Wednesday the 13th July Set out
from Rhinebeck in order to Meet
Frederick Jay Esqr to Consult with
him about our business, as Agents
for the Patriotic Trading Company
and Arrived about noon met Mr
Jay and Concluded to Set out for Bos
ton in a few Days in order to pur=
chase some goods, on Thursday 16th
News Came of the Arrival of the French
fleet off Sandy hook, I was importun
to go on board to Ajust them, in

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Endeavouring to gett into some port
in the Sound betwixt Long Island and
~~Newport~~ the Main I accordingly
in Company with Capt Bowen and Smith
the Evening of said Day Set out for
Boughtelpsie and the Next Day
arrived at General Washingtons
Quarters, had horses provided for Us to
proceed to the Fleet then Layeing at
day Hook on Saturday the 18th Sett
and got five miles beyond Elizabeth
Town where we all Lodged Mr Hamil
the Generals Aid De Camp Came in
with us Sunday the 19th we all arri
at Blaze point and on monday morn
the 20th went on board the Languedo
The French Generals Ship of 110 Gu
the 21st went on board the Lecture
22 the Wind Came on very hard from
Eastward and whole French fleet

Sail and Continued Turning to
wind the whole of the Day without
getting very far from the Land at abou
Sun Setting the High Land of the mou
sink Bore N W by N somewhat North,
the fleet standing of the SE Close
by the Wind Distance about 6 Leagu
the Next morning Sounded had
20 fathoms water with Coarse
yellow Sand or Gravel at Noon
by observation found the Ship to be
in Lattitud 39 d 26 at Evening
Sounded and had but 20 fathoms
fine Grey Sand. Stood of to the
E & E under Low Sail Close by the
wind the Wind blowing hard the
Next morneng 24th the wind Shi

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Continuewing to the N E but mo
abated, our Course I Conclude m
have bin made good. about N
S E By E 96 miles in the after
noon the wind Shifted to Eastward and
Continued Fresh all night got to abo
South South East and Calmed in the
Evening the 25th in the morning a
Small Brise from the Southward
observed in Latitude 38:51 in the
Evening the wind Shifted to the N E
stood of to the Southward the 26th
in the morning had much rain with
Light airs of wind to the N E at abo
Noon the wind Shifted to the S E a
Cleared fresh Judged our Selves in
Latitude 39 D 6 M — with Northeast point on
Bearing North the afternoon fai
fine Weather and a remarkeb

smooth sea with a little Breeze of
wind from SE prepared for Landing
the men our Quota being 374 the
whole to be Landed out of the fleet
is 4000 men Little winds from the
SE the whole of the Night Monday the
20th the winds Continued between
the South and East several Vessels
appeared in Sight of the fleet at
about Noon the Generals Ship
made a Signal for Chasing when
4 Ships made Sail and Stood to
the Eastward in Chase of 2 or 3 Vessels
which was seen that way two other
of the fleet made Sail to the Nward
in Chase of a Sail seen that way
The wind this afternoon Inclining
to the South observed this Day in
Latitude 39° 30' Supposed block Island

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to Bear about N° by East, Distance
about 100 miles this Night Sitc
Brises Veer Toward Day when the
wind Sprung up fresh, ore Tuesday
29 Fresh Brees from the Sward
at about 11 o'Clock made the Long Island
about 5 Leagues to the westward
of Montauk Point the Commo
dore and a frigate gave Chase
to something was Seen in the offer
returned about 2 o'Clock and all th
fleet made Sail to the N°E & E N°E
at about 4 made Block Island bear
ing N° Distance 5 Leagues Stood a
to the N°E & E° Cleared Delaware Bay
of the men Cloathing and packs
the General made a Signal for an
=chouring at 7 o'Clock and Moored with
the whole fleet in 25 fathoms water

at 8 oClock on Wednesday morning the
30th we weighed Anchor and Steared
over N E by E for Rhode Island Cleared
Ship for Engaging Expecting to Sail
Emediatly into the Harbour of Newport
at 12 oClock we arrived of the Harbour
and Laid off an on till 4 oClock when
the Admiral made a Signal for the
Fleet to anchor except one frigate &
one 64 Gun Ship who was Sent
to Guard the passage to the East end
of Rhode Island Called Seconnet Passage
Sounded in about 20 fathom at the Light house
Thursday morning 31st June weather
N by W 5 Miles two points Easterly
the wind about West a Ship of 54
Guns was Sent up the Channel west
of Connecticut Island a Small Battle
ry on the West side of the Island Fired
Eight or ten Guns which was returned

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by the Ship as She passed, at about
½ past 10 oClock. a 64 Gun Ship we
Sent forward up the same passage, but
was not seen at, we Could Discern
from our Ship a large Smoak whe
we Judged the fort was, and Concluded th
British had Destroyed their fortificatio
on Connanicut, and had evacuated the
Island, at about 4 oClock, in the afternoon was Seen
Rhode Island about Sea miles E from
New port a Very Large Smoak whereby
very Suddenly, appearing like the explosion
of Powder, whether this was occationed by
the Destruction of Some of their out work
or was Some Signal do not know, as no
report was heard and the Smoak Soon
Disapeared, this afternoon Several american
Privateers from the westward Came in a

The Fleet ... received Intelligence that the
English had Evacuated their out posts
on Rhode Island and Blown them up at
this Evening Signals was made that a Fleet of
6 Sail was in in Sight the Ships all made
Said and Stood out to the S E in the morning
Friday 31st Saw Some of the above mentioned Fleet to the
Westward of Block Island the wind a Little air
from the S W, Came in before the Harbours
Rhode Island an Anchored in about 15 fathom
water several American Privateers with
the Fleet, Heard that the 2 Forgates with
the Eastward had Destroyed one Ship of
20 Guns and 2 Galleys in the East passage
on Saturday 1st employed Landing the Sick
Down out of the Ships and Sent the prisoners
to Providence I went on Shoar with the
Small Boat with the Steward of the Ship
to get Some Provisions for the Ships Such as
Fowles Eggs Butter and Vegetables at Each
returned with a Quantity of those articles

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Sunday 2d A[illegible] our Long Boat
that Carried the Sick on Shore returni
with water for the Ships the fleet being
Generally very short Saw Several Eng
English frigates before Newport under Sail
at Evening the frigates in our fleet got
under Sail in order to watch the Harbour
that the English frigates Should not get out
of the Harbour unknown to the fleet
Monday 3d August fine weather the
Long Boat and a Smale Sloop
were Sent on Shore for water the
Smale Boat went on Shore & I went
in her in order to get Some Cloaths
washed this afternoon one Ship of 7
Guns and one frigate was Sent to Cru
ize off Block Island on Tuesday 4th Thur
fair weather the wind from the South
ward one Seventy four Gun Ship was
Sent up the West Chanel one other
was anchored Close of the mouth of
Rhode Island Harbour

Wednesday 5th Squaddy Thick Weather
the Ships and Frigate from Rhode Island
returned the boats on shoar watering no
appearance of an Attack yet
Thursday 6th the wind from the NW thick
foggy nothing remarkable till Saturday
when a Signal was made by the Gun
al for the fleet to get under sail at about
in the afternoon a Signal was made to
form a Line when the Languedoc Lid the
Van and we sailed into the Harbour on
the East Side of Conanicut through a most
incessant fire of Cannon from the forts
of Brentons point fort Island and two forts
from New port and anchored between Gold
Island and Conanicut in about 15 fathom
water on Sunday the 9th we Landed out of
our Ships of Soldiers Marines and Sailors
62 men in order to Join General Sullivan
attack Rhode Island but about Noon a fleet
thirty Six Sail of English appeared in Sight

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when the men w. all ordered on board
again and the Ships made Clear for action
on Monday the 10th the Wind Sprung up
from the Northward a Signal was made
for the fleet to Cut their Cables and Come
to Sail as Soon as possible but in going
out received a very Heavy fire from
the forts in which we had Seven Killed
and several wounded our Ships received Some
Damage in her upper works but Before we
Could get out of the Harbours the English
fleet Cut their Cables and put to Sea
with all the Sail they Could Crowd at Eve-
ning Could no See that we gained anything
of them we Continued the Chase all night
on Tuesday the 11th in the morning found
they had gained Ground of us we Still Cha-
sed but wind blowing a Strong Brise from
the N E they Stood of to the S E but finding we
out Sailed them they altered their Course to the
W and rowrd to West at about 5 oClock in

The afternoon Our guide most Ships came
within about 2 miles of their Starmen
they formed in a line and made the
appearance of Engaging us we then
formed our Line but the wind blowing
very Hard and the Sea Running High we
could not Engage the wind Stood to the E.N.E
a signal was made for the fleet to bring
to which was Done at 7 o'Clock with their
heads to the South ward in the night came
on a Violent Gale of wind in which our
Admiral Ships Lost Her Bow Sprit and
all her masts and the Marseiles of 74
guns Lost their Foremast, main Topmast and bowsprit the
Tonnant of 80 Guns Lost her Mizen Top
mast the Gale Continued very hard all
Wednesday the 12th the fleet Still Laying too
Lost sight of the Resolu that had Lost
on the Friday 13th
their masts, at night the gale abated and
the wind Shifted to the N.W ward and

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Round to the W. West made Sail to the
N.ward Close by the wind all night, in
the morning of Friday the 14th Saw the
Languedoch Bearing WNW Distance
about 3 Leagues Several English
Ships of war in Sight but they soon
made all the Sail they could and Stood
in for Sandy Hook when we came up
we found the Languedoch in a very
Shattered Condition having not a mast
and her Rudder head Split
Standing and had been attacked the
Night before by an English man of war
of 50 Guns Several of the Fleet Gave Chase
to Ships in Sight, Toward Evening one
of the Fleet returned with a Bumb
Ketch in Tow which had Lost her
mast and one other with the Ships
Marsuder in Tow who had that morning
been attacked by an English Ship of

50 Guns, the Sanguidan and Marsulis
preparing for Getting Jury masts up
on Saturday Morning the 15th at Day
Light Saw a Smale Ship to the wind
ward of us we made Sail and soon
came up with her and after firing
a few Shott Struck her Colours &
proved to be the Bengall Sloop of
war Commanded by Capt. John
Englis had been out from Sandy
Hook 14 Days Cruising as they Said
for Admiral Byrons Squadron
which was Expected on the Cost of
America fine weather on Sunday

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morning 16th Came to anchor Near
the Languedock and Marcelles in
35 fathoms water in Latitude 39=
=00 this Day the Two Ships Got up
Jury-Masts and yards across fine
weather but a Large Swell prepare
to get Sails for the Ships on monday
morning 17th fine weather the Boats
of the fleet Employed in sound
ing the Languedock and Marseil
is in the afternoon about 4 Oclock
a Signal was made for the fleet
to ~~make Sail~~ weigh Anchor
at about 5 Got under Sail
Set fire to the Bumb Vessel and
Stood to the N.E. on Tuesday the

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19th in the morning about Sun ri
Saw a Large Ship to the westwa
a Signal was made to Chace wh
2 Ships are 50 the other of 60
Guns made Sail and Stood to th
West w[illegible] was in hopes it wo
Chester our third Admiral who
we Lost Sight of in the Gale of wi
Small wind and Clear weathe
with a Smooth Sea could ma
make much head way the La
guadock and Marvules Sailed
So Heavy Sea weather and a fin
Smooth Sea on Wednesday 19th al
about Ten o Clock in the morn
Saw Long Island N. [illegible] abou

10 Leagues from the Land &c
at Evening Came to anchor fo
Montauk point Bearing N by W
Distance 5 Leagues in the morning
of Thursday the 20th we weigh'd at
about 3 o Clock at Day Light
saw Block Island Bearing N by E
Distance 5 Leagues at about
4 o Clock in the afternoon anchored
in about 15 fathoms Water the Light
house of New port Bearing N W West
Distance 4 miles on Friday 21st
the Ships Boat Landed my Self
Capt Sweet and Capt Allen
on Naragansett at a place Called
the South ferry went up and Lo
-ged at one Gardiners a Tavern

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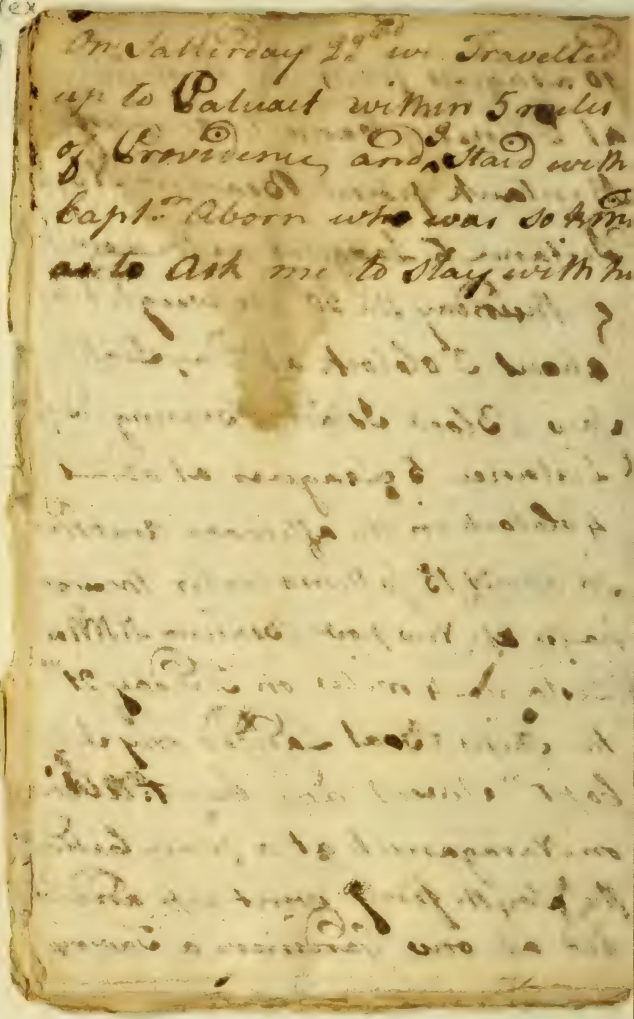
On Saturday 2d we Travelled
up to Paluat within 5 miles
of Providence and Staid with
Capt. Aborn who was so kind
as to Ask me to Stay with him

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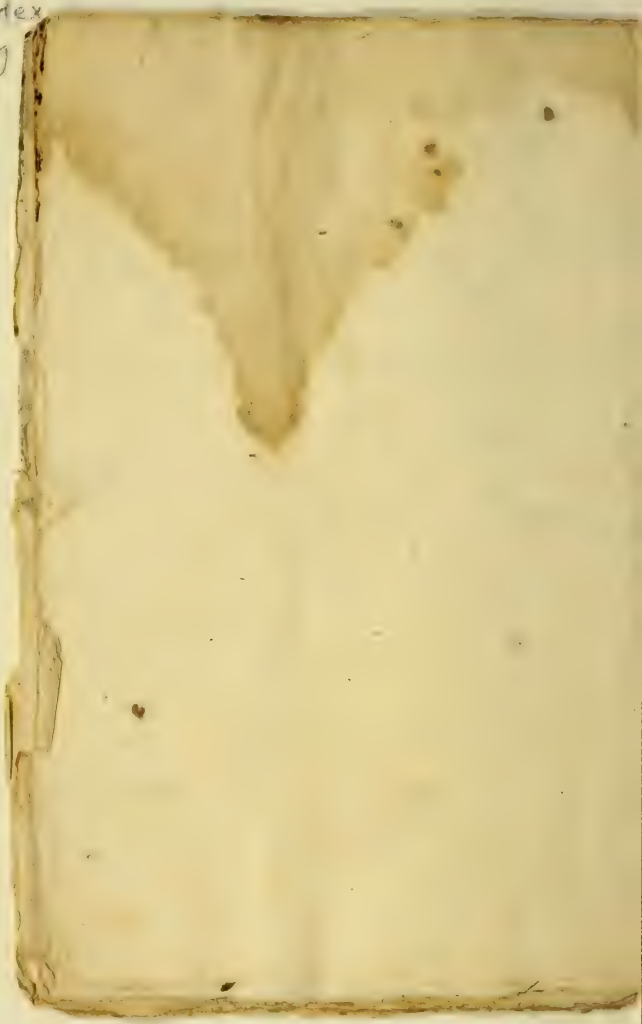

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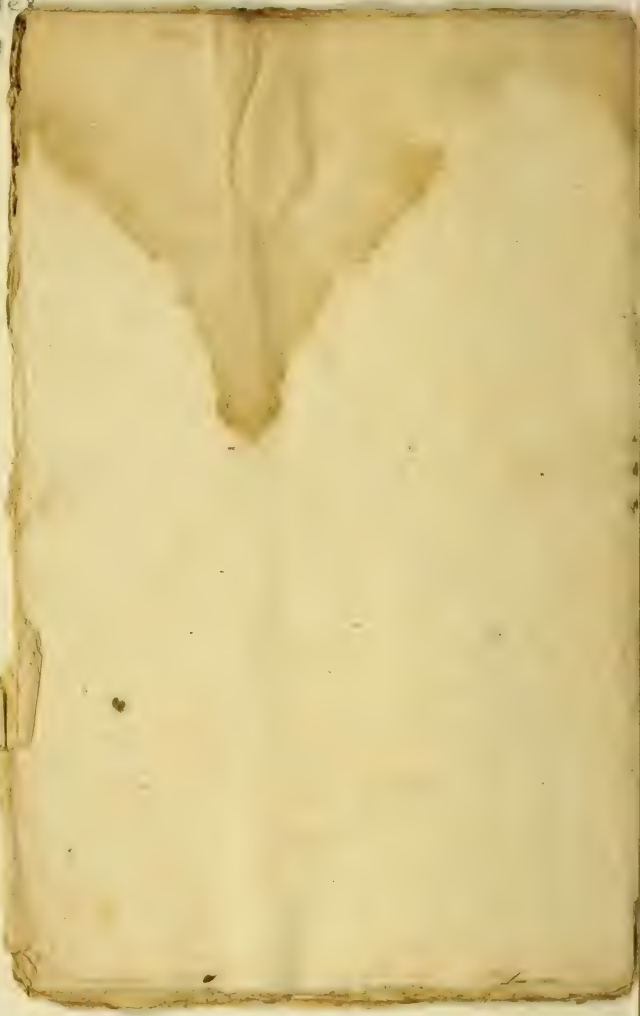

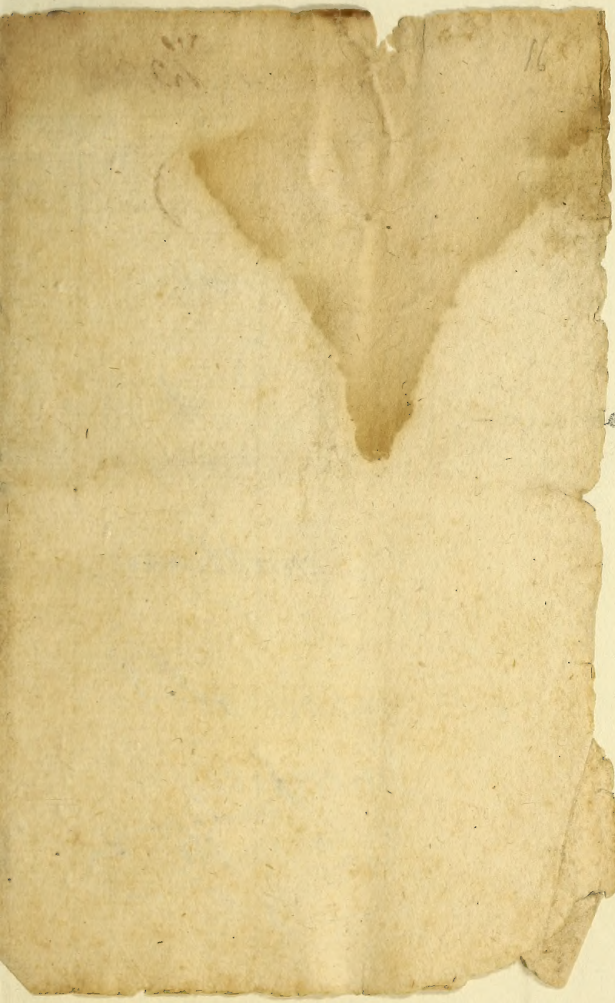

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